

Portuguese-language Network of Urban Morphology: President's Report

This report summarizes the main activities of the Portuguese-language Network of Urban Morphology (PNUM) between July 2015 and July 2016.

The PNUM Conference on 'The spaces of urban morphology', the fifth in the annual series, took place on 15–16 July 2016, in the Centro Cultural Vila Flor at the historic centre of Guimarães, Portugal. It was co-ordinated by Jorge Correia and Miguel Bandeira, from the University of Minho and the City Council of Braga respectively. The participants included a significant number of students and young researchers.

The Second Workshop promoted by PNUM, on 'Urban form and cross-border dynamics', co-ordinated by David Viana, took place in the Vila Nova de Cerveira, at Escola Superior Gallaecia between 19 and 23 July 2016, immediately after the PNUM Conference. The Workshop benefited from the collaboration of colleagues from Galicia, north Portugal and Brazil. Like the initial workshop, it aimed to promote the analysis and the application of a number of methodological approaches: the historico-geographical approach of the Conzenian School, the typological approach of the Muratorian School, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and space syntax. The area examined was the border region located between the north of Portugal and Galicia. It is expected that the results of the workshop, like those of the previous workshop, will be published in an e-book (Oliveira and Monteiro, 2016).

Revista de Morfologia Urbana, edited by Vítor Oliveira, is already in its 6th issue. It continues to contain translations of seminal works originally published in English in *Urban Morphology*.

Attention is drawn to two specific books: *Urban morphology: an introduction to the study of the physical form of cities*, by Vítor Oliveira (2016) and *Fundamentos de morfologia urbana* by Staël Pereira da Costa and Maria Manoela Netto (2015). These are particularly important for their pedagogical perspectives. Reviews of publications by

PNUM members have also appeared in the book review section of *Urban Morphology* (Coelho, 2015; Dufaux, 2015).

Finally, it is PNUM's wish to continue to promote the study of urban form both within the Portuguese-language Network and also internationally, thus contributing to the development of ISUF. With this in view, it was suggested by Teresa Marat-Mendes at the ISUF Council meeting at the ISUF Conference in 2015, that a task force be created with the aim of strengthening ISUF's regional network connections, including those of PNUM. Furthermore, an agenda common to the various networks was proposed, including: i) the identification of interactions between the various regional networks; ii) the strengthening of ISUF's multicultural identity, and adding to its visibility; and iii) the identification of possible shared morphological approaches, either historical or contemporary.

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